

Claims:

1. A computer implemented method for creating a buyback investment report comprising the steps of:
- receiving a request specifying a selection of stocks from a database of stock information;
  - selecting criteria for screening the selection of stock, wherein the selected criteria consists of a buyback ratio and at least one of price/sales ratio and a price/earnings ratio for each stock,
  - screening the selection of stocks, the screening process including the substeps of
    - identifying the stocks from the specified selection having buyback ratios, wherein a buyback ratio corresponds to a percentage of issued stock repurchased from the public during a specified period and resulting in a decrease of shares outstanding, and
    - identifying a price/sales ratio or price/earnings in the group for each such stock of a subset of the stocks having buyback ratios, wherein the subset is determined based on the buyback ratio for each stock; and
    - ranking stocks within the subset based on the price/sales ratio or price/earnings for each stock, wherein the stock having the lowest price/sales ratio or price/earnings ratio is ranked the highest.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the database includes a market cap value table

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10. A computerized investment management system for creating an investment report, comprising:

means for receiving a request specifying a selection of stocks from a database of stock information;

means for selecting criteria for screening the selection of stock, wherein the selected criteria consists of a buyback ratio and at least one of price/sales ratio and a price/earnings ratio for each stock,

means for screening the selection of stocks including

means for identifying the stocks from the specified selection having buyback ratios, wherein a buyback ratio corresponds to a percentage of issued stock repurchased from the public during a specified period and resulting in a decrease of shares outstanding, and

means for identifying a price/sales ratio or price/earnings in the group for each such stock of a subset of the stocks having buyback ratios, wherein the subset is determined based on the buyback ratio for each stock; and

means for ranking stocks within the subset based on the price/sales ratio or price/earnings for each stock, wherein the stock having the lowest price/sales ratio or price/earnings ratio is ranked the highest.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the database includes a market cap value table for identifying the market cap value of each company, and wherein the means for